

---

**DuaneMorris**<sup>®</sup>

DUANE MORRIS LLP  
30 SOUTH 17TH STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103-4196  
PHONE: 215.979.1000  
FAX: 215.979.1020

---

## FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

---

**TO:** Examiner James J. Buckle, Jr.

**FIRM/COMPANY:** United States PTO

**FACSIMILE NUMBER:** 15712704739

**CONFIRMATION  
TELEPHONE:**

**FROM:** Philadelphia Main Fax

**DIRECT DIAL:**

**DATE:** 2009-05-19 20:06:03 GMT

**USER NUMBER:**

**FILE NUMBER:**

**TOTAL # OF PAGES:**  
(INCLUDING COVERSHEET)

**MESSAGE:**

Sent on behalf of Joseph A. Powers,  
telephone number 215-979-1842, email  
japowers@duanemorris.com --

Draft Amendment for discussion. Please call

**NOTE:**

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE

THIS FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION IS PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL AND IS INTENDED ONLY FOR THE REVIEW OF THE PARTY TO WHOM IT IS ADDRESSED. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS TRANSMISSION IN ERROR, PLEASE IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONE THE SENDER ABOVE TO ARRANGE FOR ITS RETURN, AND IT SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE WAIVER OF THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE.

If there is a problem with this transmission, please call us as soon as possible at 215.979.1021.

to schedule interview.

10/723,660

D0923-00428

1. (currently amended) A rectangular siding panel having front and rear faces, first and second side faces and top and bottom faces, said panel having a region of increasing thickness extending from said top face to a transition region defining a sloped, continuous planar first surface at said rear face that continues uninterrupted from said top face to said transition region across the rear face from said first side face to said second face, said rear face in said region of increasing thickness forming a substantially planar first surface defined from said first side face to said second side face that extends, in substantially continuous planar form, from said top face to said transition region, said rear face having a substantially planar second surface occupying a majority of said rear face defined from said first side face to said second side face that extends, in substantially continuous planar form, from said bottom face to said transition region, wherein said region of increasing thickness and transition region cooperate to permit the substantially sloped, continuous planar first surface to sit substantially flush with a portion of a vertical wall when said siding panel is secured to said vertical wall and angled to overlap at least a portion of a second siding panel secured to said vertical wall with a portion of said rear face at a bottom end of said panel resting upon a front face of said second siding panel.

DMZ1932167.1